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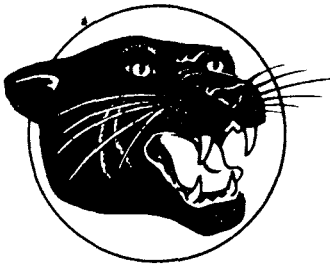
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CHARLESTON, IL--Although usually little importance is attached to the score in spring football games, Saturday's Eastern Illinois University Blue-White contest will mean something to the participants.

The final of a three game spring series between the Blue (No. 1 defense) and White (No. 1 offense) will be played at 7 p.m. Saturday (May 8) at Effingham High School.

Each team has won a game so the championship of the spring mini-series will be decided. The White downed the Blue 23-13 two weeks ago as Jeff Christensen threw three TD passes but then the Blue came back with a 28-20 win Friday as Eric Treida had four touchdown passes.

"This is for the spring championship so we believe these men will play with some added emotion," said Coach Darrell Mudra. "It's exciting for them and gives them some extra incentive during spring workouts."

The first week the defense dominated even though it lost but last week both units exhibited some positive aspects. "After looking at the film, I thought the offense executed better than I originally thought . . . we had a few breakdowns but the defense blitzed more and that put added pressure on the offense to play with more poise.

"We're making errors but it's better to do it among ourselves rather than next fall. I do think we are protecting the passer better than ever and I think our backs are stronger . . . fundamentally we're better."

Both quarterbacks have put the ball in the air often. Christensen, heading the White team, has thrown four TD passes and 386 yards in the two games while his understudy, Eric Treida, has 255 yards and five TD passes.

Two sophomore receivers, Jerry Wright (Chicago-Collins) and Jim Schmidt (DeKalb), have received acclaim ahead of the veterans.

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Schmidt has caught six passes for 115 yards and Wright is seven for 90. "Jerry has caught every ball that's been thrown to him . . . every single one," said offensive coordinator Chuck Dickerson, "and Schmidt has run some excellent routes."

This week Eastern will experiment with wide receiver Reggie Drew (Mascoutah-Triton JC) at one of the cornerback spots. "Reggie is a great athlete and we want to give him a look in the secondary this final week.

"We have a lot of depth in our receiving corps so we're trying to get the best 22 athletes on the field. Plus he's the only receiver that can make the move to defense and challenge for a starting spot today," Dickerson explained.

Also, running back Kevin Staple (Markham-Thornwood), the nation's 8th leading all purpose rusher last fall, will play his first spring game Saturday. He has been out with an ankle injury but will participate in workouts this week, Dickerson said.